

Newspaper Forms 'Alliance' With Conservative Think Tank

By Mark H. Rodeffer
Bulletin Asst. News Editor

Several students have started a second newspaper at Mary Washington College, called The Mary Washington Alliance, with the help of a conservative political group. The Alliance hopes to publish its first issue by the end of the semester.

According to sophomore Gordon McCallum, the Alliance's editor-in-chief, the paper will focus on investigative reporting, campus and community events and opinion.

"Our mission parallels our reason for existence, which is to provide another forum for debate," he said. "It's not here to rival or challenge The Bullet. It's more of a forum for students who may have problems with The Bullet, for whatever reason."

"I want people to know there is an outlet for students to voice opinions without fear of retribution or not being heard," he continued.

McCallum said that the Alliance plans to publish issues monthly next year, possibly bimonthly after a little while, he said. Also, McCallum said, the Alliance will be at least eight pages long and will be tabloid size. After a few issues, the staff might expand the paper to 12 or 16 pages.

For the issue The Alliance is planning to print this year, McCallum said, the staff will be putting the issue together in his apartment. Next year they hope to get a room in Mercer Hall, but if that is impossible they



Chris Williams, Gordon McCallum and Dana Angell are on the Alliance staff.

will continue to publish out of McCallum's apartment.

McCallum said that The Potomac News in Woodbridge, Va. will receive \$340 to print 1,000 copies of the first issue of the Alliance.

So far, 30 people have signed up to work on the alternative newspaper.

The Leadership Institute, a conservative think tank in Arlington, Va., is helping McCallum produce and fund the newspaper.

"We would never have gotten this far were it not for the Leadership Institute. Anyone looking to get into politics, business, law, or anything like that should look

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Parking Lot Cars Looted Again, Still No Suspects

By Jason Schultz
Bulletin News Editor

For weeks, a band of thieves has been breaking into cars around campus and making off with hundreds of dollars worth of car stereos, speakers and other valuables. The thieves are still on the loose, but campus police say they almost caught them on the morning of March 24.

On March 19 and 20, several vehicles parked in the Sunken Road parking lot were broken into, according to Lt. Rick Knick of the campus police. Knick said that the thieves, who smashed the windows of some cars, cut through the vinyl tops of other cars and tore out the stereo parts, are experienced thieves who know exactly what they were looking for.

"These folks were shopping for CD players and speakers that have a market value and are being resold on the black market," Knick said.

On these two nights, Knick said, the thieves took two \$100 CD players, a \$90 CD player, a \$300 CD player, a \$200 CD player, a \$200 set of speakers and a \$160 set of speakers.

Criminals also allegedly stole several CDs, vandalized several other cars and tampered with the wiring on two lighting poles in the Sunken Road lot, Knick said, so that the lights would go out and they would not be seen by any passerby. The theft of the \$300 CD player and the thefts of the \$200 CD player and \$200 set of speakers are all classified as grand larceny, a felony which could carry a prison sentence of at least one year and thousands of



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Police have no suspects in the break-ins that occurred in the Sunken Road lot.

dollars in fines.

Police also reported that on March 2 a handgun, two knives and a pair of sunglasses were stolen from cars in the Sunken Road lot. On Feb. 26 and 27 two cars were vandalized in that lot, according to police reports.

Knick said that last week, several cars off-campus in College Heights were also broken into. The Fredericksburg City Police are investigating those crimes but no city police officers could be reached for comment.

While the police do not have any suspects, Knick said, they do have some leads, and on the morning of

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MWC Offers Less Off-Campus Housing Help Than Other Schools Do

By Penny Beverage
and Jason Schultz
Bulletin Staff Writers

Mary Washington College does not help students trying to find off-campus housing, and several students feel the college needs to do more.

Raymond Tuttle, associate director of residence life and judicial affairs, said that the only assistance offered to students trying to find an apartment is a brochure.

"For the past three years, the Office of Residence Life and Housing has offered students a brochure, largely written by other students, that presents the pros and cons of living off campus," Tuttle said. "The brochure offers suggestions about how to start looking and about areas that students should be aware of, such as renter's rights."

Other colleges and universities in Virginia do more to assist students who want to find off-campus housing.

James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., has a designated Center of Off-Campus Housing for its students. The center provides brochures and housing guides and has set up a website where students can post advertisements to sublet apartments, look for a roommate or find which realtors have apartments to rent.

Radford University also has an Office of Off-Campus Housing. According to Allison Anchors, a Radford spokesperson, the office provides bulletin board space where students can post messages if they want to sublet an apartment or are looking for an apartment. The office also distributes a newsletter of area realtors.

Brad Holsinger, a Radford senior, said that the school offers off-campus housing fairs throughout the school year, at which students can meet realtors and find vacancies.

"The school does very much support you moving off campus if you want to," Holsinger said.

According to Melissa Vidmar, public relations and off-campus housing director

for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia Tech provides a website where any student can post an advertisement saying they need a roommate, need a place to live or want to sublet an apartment.

Vidmar said that Virginia Tech also provides brochures, copies of the Virginia Landlord and Tenant Act, a blown-up map of the area so students can see where an apartment complex is, and regularly print out all the information on their website so that students who do not have computers can access it.

According to Heather Solomon, a senior at the College of William and Mary, her school also has set up a website and has an office in the campus center where students can go in and ask questions about moving off campus.

"You can go into the office and it's pretty user friendly," Solomon said. "I wouldn't have known where to go without it. Without the help from the school I would have had a lot harder time and might not have found what I wanted."

Tuttle said that MWC does not offer assistance like the JMU website because the college would rather have students remain on campus.

"We are very upfront about encouraging students to live on campus," Tuttle said. "The data suggests that students who live in residence halls tend to do better academically and are more involved in the college experience."

Martin Wilder, vice president for admissions at MWC, said that the college is dedicated to staying primarily residential, so the college would not want to help students move off campus.

"It would not be in the college's best interests to do that," Wilder said.

Tuttle said that the school would only provide services like a website if they had more students wanting on-campus housing than they could provide beds for.

"If at some point we have more students than we have residential space, then it would make sense to explore such an idea," he said.

According to documents provided by the Office of Planning, Assessment, and Institutional Research, this semester the

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Student Panel Ponders Race

By Travis Bjorklund
Bulletin Staff Writer

Almost 200 students packed a discussion forum on racial issues in Lee Hall Ballroom on Tuesday night. Though views on the situation of diversity at the college were mixed at the panel session, organizers thought the forum was an overwhelming success.

"I never expected so many people," said moderator Mina Ennin, a sophomore.

Ennin conceived the program last year, but was advised by Women of Color to wait until this semester to allow adequate preparation for the event.

A panel of seven women helped preside over the forum along with Ennin and Carol Corcoran, professor of psychology. Sophomore Marzena Fercz, freshman Anjali Sherin, sophomore Sara Zuk, freshman Devon Williams, freshman Reksha Spellman and junior Marsie Turner made up the panel.

Each member of the panel asked a question of the audience, and audience members responded. The panelists also pointed out some statistics from a study done during the 1997-98 school year that showed that white students perceive the racial climate more favorably than do African-Americans.

While 56 percent of African-Americans believe that there is racism at Mary Washington, only 39 percent of white students

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Senior Hermence Matsotza was disappointed by the lack of faculty members attending Tuesday night's race relations discussion.

Virginia Starts 10-Year Project To Rebuild Springfield Interstate 95 Interchange

By Jason Schultz
Bulletin News Editor

Students weaving their way through traffic on Interstate 95 on the way to Washington DC may soon notice even more traffic delays. Next week, the Virginia Department of Transportation is embarking on the second phase of a 10-year project to completely rebuild the interchange of Interstates 95, 395 and 495 near Springfield, Va.

According to Steve Titunik, spokesperson for VDOT, during this phase, construction crews from the Shirley Construction Corporation in Lorton, Va. will be spending \$86 million in the next three years just to rebuild the two exits off of I-95 to Old King Mill Road and the Franconia Parkway near the Springfield Mall.

After the two exits are rebuilt to include

14 new bridges and overpasses, Titunik said, more projects will follow at a total cost of \$300 million.

Motorists passing through this section of the I-95 can expect some traffic delays, Titunik said, but the state is doing everything it can to make sure the disruptions to commuters are minimized.

"[VDOT] is dedicated to making sure there will be no lane closures during rush hours," he said. "However, motorists can expect some lane closures [on I-95] during the midday hours, the night and on weekends."

All of the traffic disruptions during the 10 years of this project will affect the traffic lanes that are normally open to all traffic, Titunik said. For commuters travelling to Washington in large groups, the High Occupancy Vehicle lanes will not be closed down.

Danger of traffic accidents and the problem of severe congestion are the motivations

behind the project, Titunik said. When finished, motorists will be able to cross between I-95, I-395 and I-495 near Springfield, Va. with less danger.

"You won't have this accident waiting to happen," he said. "There will be a smoother entrance and departure from ramps."

The rebuilt interchange area will also relieve congestion along a stretch of road that Titunik described as unable to handle the number of cars that currently travel the three interstates.

"What you have here is a tremendous growth in population in the area," he said. "The interchanges were not designed to handle this kind of capacity."

The state is trying a variety of different efforts to make sure traffic keeps moving

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Weekend Weather

Friday: Showers. High 54. Low 36.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy. High 53. Low 34.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy. High 59. Low 33.



Police Beat

By Nicole Ramer
Bulletin Staff Writer

ILLNESS/INJURY

- March 19—An intoxicated student in Mason Hall was transported to the hospital by rescue squad.
- March 20—An intoxicated student in Randolph Hall was transported to Night Haven by police.
- March 20—An intoxicated student in Westmoreland Hall was transported to the hospital by rescue squad.

VANDALISM

- March 19—A vehicle parked in the Sunken Road parking lot was vandalized. The front passenger-side door was damaged.
- March 20—A vehicle parked in the Sunken Road parking lot was vandalized. The front windshield was damaged.

LARCENY

- March 19—ACD player was stolen from a vehicle parked in the Sunken Road parking lot. The item was valued at \$100.
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- March 19—ACD player was stolen from a vehicle parked in the Sunken Road parking lot. The item was valued at \$100.
- March 19—A set of speakers was stolen from a

vehicle parked in the Sunken Road parking lot. The items were valued at \$200.

- March 19—ACD player and a set of speakers were stolen from a vehicle parked in the Sunken Road parking lot. The CD player was valued at \$200 and the speakers were valued at \$160.
- March 20—Some CDs were stolen from a vehicle parked in the Sunken Road parking lot. The value of the items is unknown.
- March 22—A laptop computer was stolen from a student's room in Randolph Hall. The value of the item is unknown.

MISC.

- March 17—A fire alarm was activated in New Hall. The cause was determined to be burnt food.
- March 17—An administrator in George Washington Hall reported receiving some harassing phone calls. The incident is being investigated.
- March 18—The police filled out an information report concerning a student in Mason Hall who was upset and reportedly had suicidal thoughts.
- March 18—The police filled out an information report concerning a roommate disagreement in Jefferson Hall.
- March 19—Amber Fish of Mason Hall was charged with being drunk in public and with possession of marijuana.
- March 19—The police investigated a report of a suspicious odor in Bushnell Hall. Nothing was found.

World News In Brief

Compiled by Eric Tolbert

NATO Attack Looms as Yugoslavia Refuses to Sign Agreement

On Tuesday, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic refused to agree to a proposed ceasefire with the neighboring province of Kosovo. On Wednesday, United States and NATO aircraft began bombing Serbian military assets.

Code-named Operation Allied Force, the attack included a launch of nearly 100 Cruise missiles from British and American ships and planes. Military officials said the launch is targeted at Serbian anti-aircraft and command and control capability. The strike was the first time a B-2 "Stealth" bomber, which cost \$2.2 billion each to produce, was used in a combat mission.

The attack angered Russian President Boris Yeltsin, who called the it a "tragic mistake." United Nations General Secretary Kofi Annan said that he should have been consulted before the attack. As of Wednesday evening, NATO officials reported no allied casualties.

Since 1989, when the Serbs stripped Kosovo of its autonomy, the Serbs have been engaged in a policy of "ethnic cleansing" of Albanians, which has resulted in hundreds of thousands of deaths.

First Around-the-World Balloon Flight

Bertrand Piccard, a 41-year-old Swiss doctor, became the first man to successfully circle the Earth in a hot air balloon on March 20. After 19 days, one hour and 49 minutes in flight, Piccard landed his planet-circling balloon "Orbiter 3" in Egypt on Saturday. Several other men, including scientist Steve Fossett, had tried unsuccessfully for years to complete the same flight.

Piccard and the teammates who helped him circle the globe will all split a \$1 million prize from the Anheuser-Busch brewing company for being the first to achieve the feat.

FBI Officials Cut Back Search For Olympic Park Bomber

Federal investigators announced on Tuesday that they will be cutting back funding and manpower in the search for Eric Rudolph, who is suspected of planting bombs at several abortion clinics in the South and at the 1996 Olympic games in Atlanta. Rudolph has been evading police capture since January of 1998 by allegedly hiding out in the mountains of North Carolina. The FBI will be downsizing the number of personnel involved in the search and will stop searching with helicopters.

Dutch Company Produces First Female Urinal

The Dutch bathroom furniture maker Sphinx has created a female urinal which it anticipates will soon be made available to the public. Named the "lady P," the item will soon appear in the Amsterdam airport. Said a company spokesperson, "the lady-P is aimed at the modern self-confident woman."

S.G.A. Beat

By Travis Bjorklund
Bulletin Staff Writer

In this week's Senate meeting, several new motions were passed. Janet Inman, a freshman, began the week's new business with a motion for the Welfare Committee to look into synchronizing all academic clocks on campus, and to check them on a regular basis for accuracy. The motion passed.

Freshman John Duffy moved that the Welfare Committee look into pruning the branches that hang down over campus paths, such as the branches near Chandler Hall, Lee Hall and Seacobeck Hall.

"Those branches are getting pretty annoying, but they can also be dangerous," Duffy said.

Junior Kristin DeGraff proposed another motion

for the Welfare Committee, asking it to look into the redistribution of commuter parking, including resident and staff parking.

"I just want to know, since freshmen aren't allowed to have cars next year, who's going to park at the Battlefield [sic]?" DeGraff said.

The Senate also followed up on a motion made earlier this semester, announcing that lights have been installed in the Battleground Athletic Complex parking lot, tennis court fence, around Hamlet House, near Seacobeck Hall and around duPont Hall. Many lights have also increased in wattage from 150 to 400 watts.

Campus Information

- "Capitol Steps," a Washington, D.C.-based comedy troupe, will perform for the Fredericksburg Forum on April 13 at 8 p.m. in Dodd Auditorium. The forum is open to the public and admission is \$15 for non-students and \$8 for students. To purchase tickets call 654-1276.

- A collection of paintings by Palmer C. Hayden, a Stafford County artist, entitled "Echoes of Our Past: The Narrative Artistry of Palmer C. Hayden" will be on display at the Geri Melchers Estate and Memorial Gallery, located at 224 Washington St. in Falmouth,

Va. from March 20 through June 6. The gallery is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1-5 p.m. Admission is \$4. For more information call 654-1841.

- The Terrapins, MWC's synchronized swimming team, will perform a show in the Goolrick pool on March 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1 for students and \$3 for non-students. For more information call 654-3442.

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for their services," he said.

On its website, the Leadership Institute calls itself "the premier training ground for tomorrow's conservative leaders."

The organization, headed by Morton Blackwell, a former aide to President Ronald Reagan and one of two members of the Republican National Committee from Virginia, is a leadership school for aspiring politicians, political consultants and journalists.

"What they do is take people who are not flaming liberals and train them in the ways of the word warrior, politics, journalism and disciplines like that," McCallum said.

Freshman Elena Rousseau, an Alliance staff member who attended one of the Leadership Institute's student publications seminars, said that the Alliance will seek to balance a liberal bias she said exists in the media.

"I think that liberalism is more prevalent on campus and in the media," Rousseau said. "That too is something that we want to look at, and something we want to explore a little bit, and see if perhaps the balance should be a little more sensible. If people are seeing one side and one side only and being influenced only by professors, magazines and television, they aren't getting a correct balance."

Mark Montini, the Leadership Institute's vice president for programs, said that most student newspapers supported by the Leadership Institute are conservative.

"We just want to support students interested in bringing a conservative perspective to their campus," he said. "We are a conservative organization. We don't have a litmus test to get into our programs. We have an open admissions policy, but most newspapers started by graduates of our Student Publications Schools tend to be conservative."

Scott Bennett, the Leadership Institute field

representative working with the Alliance, declined to comment, and Montini said he didn't have any specific information on the Alliance.

McCallum said the Leadership Institute's influence over the Alliance is minimal.

"In a sense, [The Alliance] will be somewhat conservative, but I don't like that term, because it's too all-encompassing," he said. "I want this to be a paper that can give anyone on campus the ability to voice their opinion and feel that they have a good shot of getting it published."

Senior Alan Follett, who was a political consultant before coming to Mary Washington College, said that he questions the motives of the Leadership Institute.

"If they want a conservative newspaper, why don't they come out and say they want a conservative newspaper?" he said. "I don't fault the intentions of the students

involved in this newspaper. I do question the agenda of the people at the Leadership Institute. I've seen their track record and how they play upon the fears and ambitions of sincere students."

McCallum said that the Alliance aims to raise \$11,000 via direct funding from the Leadership Institute and other non-profit foundations.

"There are foundations around the area that are sympathetic to our cause who may donate money," he said.

McCallum said that he also plans to ask area developer Carl D. Silver for assistance.

McCallum said that he wants the paper to be completely independent.

"We don't want the school to try to run the paper," he said. "We want as little regulation from the school as possible."

We are currently taking applications for positions for next year.

Positions available include assistant opinions editor, assistant features editors, assistant news editors, and assistant entertainment editors.

Anybody interested in working for The Bulletin next year should pick up an application at the student information desk in the Woodard Campus center and turn it in by March 28.

JUNIORS, ENJOY YOUR WEEK AND ENJOY YOUR STUDENT RIGHTS!



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OPINIONS

Don't Let Ring Week, Tradition Die At MWC

Get Out There And Have Some Fun, Safely

Let's get straight to the point, as we always do: Junior Ring Week is absolutely the most unique aspect of life at Mary Washington College, and for that reason it must be preserved. It is perhaps the one most interesting thing about this school, and it is the one thing MWC has which other schools usually do not. It is something that schools like U. Va. and Virginia Tech wish they had.

Recent trends, though well-meaning, have placed this great tradition in jeopardy. The goal of the folks behind these trends has been to ensure student safety (notably that of juniors who end up duct-taped to the campus gates), and that is a very admirable and intelligent goal. But that goal can be met without putting an end to the "festivities."

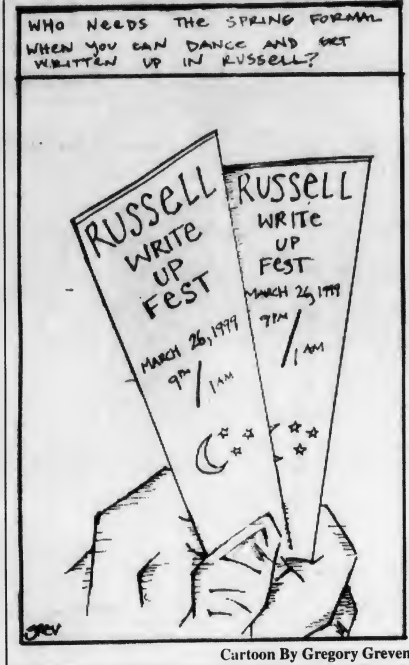
The vast majority of Junior Ring Week pranks are harmless. MWC students are responsible people, and they know better than to endanger their classmates. Besides, people usually only do pranks on their friends, and obviously they do not want to harm their own friends. Ninety-nine percent of all pranks just involve shaving cream and eggs anyway. No big deal.

During the past two Ring Weeks in '97 and '98, MWC has introduced both student "Rescuers" and also "Safe Haven" buildings to "protect" juniors. Most commonly, juniors have refused the aid of these "safety" devices. This is because juniors, like everyone else, love this tradition, and they want to enjoy it to the fullest. They cherished the job of pulling pranks on juniors when they were freshmen and sophomores, and they cherished getting shaving cream and spaghetti sauce on their clothes.

Unfortunately, with the introduction of these measures, Ring Week has declined during the past two years. The great joy that once filled campus has been tempered, and has been replaced with mild enjoyment.

Quite simply, this trend must be stopped. We must get Ring Week fired-up again. This does not mean hurting juniors or placing them in danger. It just means doing some good, old fashioned, clever pranks on people. Leave no junior untouched, and enable everyone to have a good time.

Let's return to the days of juniors not leaving their rooms without a six-person escort. To the fountain being filled with tied-up juniors at all times. To cement bathtubs on apartment porches. To the sheer joy that comes from dumping maple syrup on your junior R.A.



Cartoon By Gregory Greven

Event Planning Leaves Ring Week, Easter At Odds

By Emily Rohwer
Guest Columnist

I write to express discontent for the scheduling of this year's Junior Ring Week. Although I look forward to the events planned (and those others have planned for us), placing it during the holiest week in Christian tradition is both inconvenient and irreverent for Christian juniors on this campus.

Holy Week is a time of solemn reflection on the events leading up to the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus Christ, followed by a celebration of his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

This year, at the culmination of the Lenten season, Christian juniors will not be as free to contemplate the meaning of Holy Week, in the midst of Ring Week activities and pranks.

Ring Week is, moreover, inconvenient for juniors who hoped

to participate in religious activities. The Ring Ceremony on April 2 is scheduled during traditional Good Friday services, which remember the night of Jesus' death.

Also, those who wish to attend the Ring Dance on Saturday night forsake traveling home to celebrate Easter Sunday with their families, should they wish to do so. (Additionally, Passover, a central celebration of the Jewish faith, is on Thursday of Ring Week.)

Rescheduling this year's Junior Ring Week events is impractical, but I recommend thoughtful consideration when planning next year's schedule.

For those of us who eagerly anticipate the celebration of our class, our friends, and our own achievements as the Class of 2000, the scheduling of Junior Ring Week 1999 during Holy Week is both disrespectful and inconvenient for Christian juniors.

Emily Rohwer is a Junior.

Drinking Won't Be Stopped By Laws

By Mary Larkin
Guest Columnist

I am a Mary Washington College student who is currently studying at the National University of Ireland in Galway. After having read issues of The Bulletin that the Office of International Programs so generously sends me every few months, I feel the need to state a personal opinion that I have on the constant controversy plaguing the campus regarding alcohol consumption.

Let us all be grateful that Bill 618, as described in Matt Clizis' February 25 article, was never passed! I am not going to say that I am in support of underage drinking, but suggesting that alcohol should be banned from all the state-run college campuses in Virginia is unnecessary.

I fully agree with Jenny Moss' statement that it wouldn't solve "the problem." Why does the idea of alcohol consumption always have to correlate with "problems?" Alcohol is only a problem when it is abused.

There are many ways in which alcohol certainly is a bad thing, but banning it completely would only create more problems. For instance, it would be more difficult for residents of the dorms to sneak it into their rooms—but they would still be doing it anyway.

So is there anything else that policies such as Bill 618 would do to effect underage alcohol consumption? I tend to doubt it. There are some very simple ways to avoid alcohol being a problem—such as education.

Sometimes we learn the hard way, like losing friends to drunk driving accidents. We could also educate our children and younger siblings on how to be responsible drinkers.

I'm not saying that everyone should drink and that we should all be encouraged to do so, but inevitably, most high school and college students experiment with alcohol and other drugs at some time or another.

I have an immense amount of respect for my "straight-edge" friends who have chosen to not make alcohol a part of their lives, but I also have a lot of respect for the friends I have who can drink a few beers and not let it ruin their life or somebody else's. These things do not have to occur if we think reasonably about our alcohol consumption.

My family has always followed pretty closely to the Irish traditions that I have observed since I have been here. I was served alcohol with my family when I was 12 and have witnessed the immersion of alcohol in the culture of this country.

Students go out for pints with professors and parents do so with children. Alcohol is a way to celebrate and a way to relax. It is a great way to enjoy some good conversation. It's also a great way to land yourself in front of the toilet all night if you aren't careful. Let's not, however, ignore the cultural importance of drink. France, Italy, Germany and Spain all famously mix alcohol into their cultures.

It is a great way to enjoy yourself and take things a little bit easier if you aren't an idiot about it. When I see people my age drink in Europe, I see enjoyment. When I see many college students from the United States drink, I see stupidity.

Maybe we all need to learn how to enjoy alcohol properly with a bit of the "less is more" approach. You don't need to crawl home from the parties off-campus with no recollection of the previous evening to be able to say that you had a good time.

Above all, I want to assert that I don't necessarily approve of underage alcohol consumption. I just don't think there is anything anyone can do to stop it from happening. Kids are curious—they want to learn to have some fun and in our society many people correlate a binge-drinking keg party as the answer to fun.

All I'm saying is that it doesn't have to be that way. Alcohol is a nice thing to sit down and enjoy responsibly. Starting another prohibition on college campuses would only bring us back to the years of the speakeasy.

Campus residents would still be drinking, but they'd just be much more clever about hiding it. If anyone was trying to challenge the problem-solving and creative skills of college students, that would have been a good way to do it. To "solve" a problem by creating regulations that put band-aids on alcohol abuse will certainly do nothing for alcohol abuse. I'm just glad to be able to say that I agree, for once, with whoever comes up with these regulations.

I challenge them to now come up with a more realistic approach to attain their means. If they want to stop underage drinking, I wish they'd come up with a reasonable goal and stop wasting everyone's time with these ridiculous bills.

Mary Larkin is a Junior.

Letters to the Editor

A Former Editor Defends The Bulletin

Editor:

I would just like to say a few words in defense of The Bulletin. Recently, via mass e-mails, some nasty comments have been made about this paper—and that's fine; people are entitled to their opinions. However, the majority of students who made these comments do not have very much experience with The Bulletin. As a former editor and writer for the newspaper, I would just like to shed a little light on this apparently controversial paper.

First of all, I would like to state that for its budget and size (which is diminutive compared to others), The Bulletin is an outstanding paper. It has won awards at various national conferences, topping schools that are much larger and wealthier than Mary Washington.

I would also like to state that at many universities, writers get paid for their stories (anywhere from \$5-\$20 per story). In addition, editors at these schools do not take any classes during the semesters. Frequently, editors of the newspapers of fairly large universities get a salary for being an editor.

As for the content of the newspapers, The Bulletin is one of the few newspapers in which they write all of their own articles. Pick up another college's newspaper, flip through it; I guarantee you that half of the articles will be written by the Associated Press.

The writers of the newspaper here, at most, get one credit hour per semester for all of their hard work. Editors spend anywhere from 20 to 30 hours a week in their very small office with computers that crash on a regular basis. They certainly don't get paid, and they do The Bulletin in addition to all of their classes.

Of course The Bulletin is not perfect—it has its faults. But it is important to keep in mind that the

point of this paper is to learn. This is a process, a learning experience. I think that we are very lucky to have this paper so that we can figure out how this process works and whether this is what we really want to do before we get into the real work world.

Over the course of the last four years, I have seen this paper progress. In the last year alone, we have increased our circulation by 500 copies, and most of the time the papers are always gone by Friday afternoon.

I think it is very easy to say that something "sucks" when you see it at the surface level, and when you have very little to no experience with it. I also think it is a huge cop-out not to do anything about it if that is, in fact, your opinion.

I have read the e-mails about starting a nonprofit alternative newspaper, and if this is a realistic opportunity, which I highly doubt it is, more power to you. However, I think that it would be much more rational not to start from scratch, but to start somewhere where you have, say, a budget, a staff, and the technology needed to put out a paper.

I challenge each person who feels this newspaper is not what it should be to actually do something about it, not just trash it. Sign up for the staff next year, or even this year, and make the paper what you want it to be. It's your paper.

Women's Interest Floor Has Bad Image

A friend of mine happened to overhear an interesting conversation while walking closely behind some female students on Campus Walk.

It appeared as if they were talking about what dorms they'd like to live in next year. The dialogue apparently went something like this:

"What about Ball?" one of them asked. "That's

all girls, right?" "Right," said the other, "and the women's interest floor is there, too, I think."

"Women's interest floor?" came the disdainful reply. "Yeah, women interested in other women, I suppose."

They had a good laugh at that, and then one of them said, "You know, I don't know why we even have that floor here."

Since my friend and I both live on this floor, whose official name, incidentally, is Women with a Voice, she remembered this occasion and told me about it later. Sadly, the attitude of those women seems to be fairly typical of other students as well. So I'd

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FEATURES

Can Pranks Go Too Far?

Psychological Services Sees An Increase In Patients After Ring Week

By Mark Greenleaf
Bulletin Features Editor

Junior Ring Week is almost upon us and as in previous years, we can expect an array of tied-up food-covered people floating around in a soap-sud filled fountain.

While the pranks and hijinks can be amusing and fun, problems can and have surfaced because of the festival. Some students have experienced emotional difficulties as a result of pranks and have needed professional help.

While he was the director of MWC's Psychological Services Center, Bernard Chirico saw a small jump in the number of students who visited the center following Junior Ring Week with complaints related to their experiences. Now, as the Dean of Students, Chirico has seen more of the same.

"As the Dean of Students I have seen 10-20 students in distress in my office during Ring Week who were willing to come forward and report their difficulties, and at least that many parents calling or writing me," said Chirico.

According to Chirico, students have reported a wide variety of symptoms triggered by the trauma of Junior Ring Week pranks.

"Among other things, students reported sleep difficulties, anxiety-related symptoms, poor academic performance, inability to focus and remember, recurrence of their earlier symptoms from traumatic experiences and depression-related symptoms," said Chirico.

Barbara Wagar, director of the Psychological Services Center, has made similar observations.

"Past traumatic experiences can be triggered, with a person experiencing a range of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder symptoms. But sometimes, a student is in distress for more situational reasons. Maybe they feel very humiliated by people they thought were friends," said Wagar.

The worry throughout the administration is that this is only a small portion of the student population who are affected, while the rest are not willing to come forward. Wagar feels peer pressure could keep students from drawing the line with friends.

"Since Ring Week is a tradition, some students may be very hesitant to reveal their



Diana May/Bullet

Then juniors Aaron Davis and Andrew Rothschild fell victim to Ring Week pranks in 1998. Sometimes pranks have serious consequences.

real feelings about pranks, since they don't want to appear to be poor sports or feel socially ostracized," said Wagar. "Basically, I guess I'm saying that there is more than one way to traumatize your fellow students, none of which are particularly pleasant and some of which can really do damage."

Wagar also says that pranks can trigger events from the past which can put a student in a situation in which professional help is required.

According to Chirico and Wagar, problems arise when students don't know the limit to which a prank should be taken.

"For a vulnerable student, his or her distress might be precipitated by something that a less vulnerable student would consider a relatively mild prank," said Wagar.

Chirico agrees.

"If a student says no, others should respect that and stop. All students who are experiencing problems can call the Psychological Services Center, speak to the Residence Life staff or other student affairs staff, or make an appointment to see me for help," said Chirico.

With the recent resignation of two

psychological service employees, there has been concern that Wagar and one other part-time psychologist will not be able to handle the load of patients.

"So far this year we have already seen more students than at this point in the semester in past years, so we can handle it," said Wagar.

Even with the short staff, Wagar says that if a student is in crisis, they should alert the Psychological Services of this and they will be seen immediately.

According to Wagar, the psychological services department has received many responses for open positions and the search committee is reviewing files. Interviews should begin in the near future.

Students have been worried that negative feelings towards Junior Ring Week would result in administrative interference, which might end the tradition. Chirico says this is not the case.

"I have no intention of ending Junior Ring Week. It is a great tradition in philosophy and has been so for decades," Chirico said.

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The Next President

Who's Running In 2000 And Do Students Care?

By Dana Angel
Bulletin Staff Writer

career."

Among the long list of GOP contenders are Lamar Alexander, ex-Governor of Tennessee; Steve Forbes,

As the year 2000 looms, politicians from every political party are gearing up for action. Are they trying to solve the infamous Y2K problem? No, they are attempting to conquer the seat being vacated by William Clinton.

The 2000 presidential race, the last one of the twentieth century, already seems to be shaping into a fierce competition of which party will lead the country into the new millennium.

Republicans are trying to erase the stigma of the right-wing conspiracy, while Democrats are trying to make a name for themselves outside the realm of the Clinton White House.

Since 1996, Republicans have been searching for the right candidate to lead them to victory. The two names that keep reoccurring are Bush and Dole.

Not that Bush or Dole, but George Bush, Jr., governor of Texas, and Elizabeth Dole, former president of the American Red Cross and former secretary of transportation and labor.

The main concern will be with who



George Bush, Jr.

founder of "Forbes Magazine"; ex-Vice President Dan Quayle; ex-Ambassador Alan Keyes and John McCain, Republican senator of Arizona.

"The primaries may get ugly as moderates like Lamar Alexander get pelted with mud by the more conservative candidates," Winslow said. "Already ahead in the polls, Bush is the man to beat. Ironically, a woman may be the one to do it."

Elizabeth Dole is taking a giant leap in changing American history. Only one other woman in history has tried to run for such a high office on a mainstream party ticket, and that was Geraldine Ferraro in 1984. Needless to say, she did not win.

Tolbert thinks the recent impeachment trials caused a lot of problems for the Republican party.

"I think the Republicans really spoiled their chances of retaking the White House with their behavior during the impeachment fiasco," said Tolbert. "They lost a lot of momentum and as a result will have a hard time taking the White House and may even lose the House and Senate. They have really alienated a lot of people."

Having the same problem as the Republicans, the Democrats have two key figures vying for the Democratic



Elizabeth Dole.

wins the Republican nomination. Chris Winslow, chairman of the Mary Washington College Democrats, thinks Elizabeth Dole's star-studded performance will not be enough to pull it off. He predicts that George Bush, Jr. will win the nomination for the Republican party.

Eric Tolbert, president of the Mary Washington College Democrats and Bulletin assistant news editor, agrees that Bush may be the Republican to beat.

"I think George Bush, Jr. has the most wide-appeal potential. If he can walk the fine line between pleasing the Christian Right, while still appealing to moderates, he's obviously a shoe-in for the Republican nomination," Tolbert said.

Bush has strong approval among many factions in the Republican party. In the Iowa Project 2000 polls, Bush finished ahead of Dole in approval ratings 36.7 percent to 16.4 percent.

But Dole has her share of support as well. She has struck a chord not only with the Republican party, but with Independents and some Democrats.

Angela Lengyel, a senior, agrees that Dole might be a refreshing change for the country. She is an Independent who believes that it is more important to vote for the person than to just be loyal to a particular party.

"If it were between [Vice President Al]



Al Gore.

nomination, Gore and ex-Senator Bill Bradley.

Heroman said she thinks Gore has the best chance for winning the nomination in the primaries since he is the incumbent candidate.

Political pundits argue about Gore's credentials, alleging a stiff persona and noting his high activism for environmental rights. They say this may turn-off conservatives and moderate Democrats.

They do credit Gore with fund-raising skills, which may serve to be beneficial in the next election.

"Although Bill Bradley will run a strong race, I think that ultimately the organization and fundraising of Gore will prove too formidable," said Tolbert.

"Democrats will realize early on that Al Gore is not a Bill Clinton," Winslow said. "Gore will have the arduous task of reinventing himself as he tried to do at the Democratic National Convention in 1996 with his own version of the Macarena."

Conversely, others believe that Gore will just be a Clinton repeat.

"I predict that the Gore administration would be the same political agenda as the Clinton administration, and I would rather see a change," said Lengyel.

Bill Bradley was once a three-time senator and professor at Stanford. His downfall may be what critics call an un-charismatic personality, which some

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Diana May/Bullet

Sittin' In The Rain

Sophomore Bryan Holt and freshman Katie Long brave yesterday's wind and rain to cheer on the MWC men's lacrosse team.

The Bulletin Time Capsule

Name Change: An Issue Back In 1980

By Gary P. Webb
Compiled by Rebecca Bulas

A proposal to change the name of Mary Washington College, or at least study such a change, has been brought up in recent weeks. Such a study, this editor feels, would be a positive move for the College.

Mary Washington College has changed its name several times in the past. Fredericksburg State Normal Institute was the original name of this institution. Later, the school was known as "Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia," the latter part of the appellation being dropped when the school dissociated with U.Va. and became

a co-educational institution.

The school is named, of course, after Mary Ball Washington, mother of George Washington. Mary Washington married Augustine Washington around 1730, bore him George and several other children, lived most of her married life at "wakefield" in Westmoreland County and "Ferry Farm" in Stafford County, and spent her declining years in Fredericksburg. She died here in 1789 and is buried a few blocks from the college that bears her name.

On the surface, Mary Washington seems to be a good name for a college in Fredericksburg, especially a predominately female college. Mary Washington, as a historical figure, has one drawback, however. Apparently, Mary

Washington was, during the American Revolution, a British sympathizer, a Tory. Despite her son's position as commander of the Continental Army, Mary Washington preferred British rule. Should our college bear the name of a person who held such sympathies?

Aside from historical reasons, there are other arguments for a name change. One is the changing character of the College. To many, the name "Mary Washington College" brings to mind the fine finishing school of yesteryear. Others, including potential students, seem to have interpreted the name as meaning that MWC is still a single-sex institution. The transition from the women's branch of U.Va. to a viable, independent college could be advanced by a name change.

A committee of students, faculty, administrators, and alumni should be formed to study the name-change proposal. The need to attract more students in the future, and the changing face of the College, suggest that the time may be appropriate for a name change for MWC.

Despite her son's position as commander of the Continental Army, Mary Washington preferred British rule.

Campus Events Coming This Week

March 25.
Information session: Americorps worker and 1996 MWC graduate, Alissa Magrum, will discuss the possibilities Americorps opens to graduates. Where: Meeting Room #1 in the Campus Center. Time: 6 p.m. Questions: X1802

Lecture: Nemea: The Other Olympic Games by John D. MacLissac, adjunct professor of classics at Mary Washington College. Where: Trinkle Hall, Room 204. Time: 6:30 p.m. Cost: Free. Questions: 540/654-1023.

Lecture: Will We Make Superbabies? The Evidence from Donor Insemination by Dr. Allan Hansen, professor of Anthropology at the University of Kansas. Sponsor: CARC, the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, and the Anthropology Club (a Women's History Month event). Where: Woodard Campus Center, Red Room. Time: 8 p.m. Cost: Free.

Questions: 540/654-1478.

March 27.
Performance: Striking Balance. Spring Dance Performance. Where: Dodd Auditorium in George Washington Hall. Time: 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$2 students, \$5 non-students.

March 28.
Performance: Striking Balance. Spring Dance Performance. Where: Dodd Auditorium in George Washington Hall. Time: 2:00 p.m. Cost: \$2 students, \$5 non-students.

Poetry Reading: Heather Ross Miller, professor of English, Washington and Lee University and author of Funny Papers. Where: Woodard Campus Center, Red Room. Time: 7 p.m. Cost: Free. Questions: 540/654-1478.

March 29.
Pranks: Junior Ring Week. Where: Wherever you can find a Junior. Time: Whenever you can find a Junior. Cost: Free.

Lecture: Ms. Rea Carey, Executive Director of National Youth Advocacy Coalition, an organization that works to end discrimination against gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth. Sponsor: PRISM Where: Woodard Campus Center, Red Room. Time: 8 p.m. Cost: Free. Questions: 540/654-1478.

March 31
Variety Show: A Celebration of Women's Artistry II. Where: Lee Hall Ballroom. Time: 8 p.m. Cost: Free. Questions: 540/654-1478.

THUMBS

a features column by the Bulletin staff



to the upcoming Campus Walk strewn with whip cream, egg yolks, flour, ketchup, etc., etc.

DOWN



to Junior Ring Dance being the night before Easter Sunday



to the MWC Police Department for the prevention of two possible car thefts at the Battlefield parking lot

DOWN



to the Spring Formal tickets selling out so quickly



to senior lacrosse player Risto Worthington for his 8 goals in yesterday's 21-9 victory over Shenandoah

DOWN



to people using other people's e-mail accounts to send out offensive and slanderous material

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Chirico says that he would like to see the event return to its original purpose of celebrating the junior class's achievements.

"I would like to see an end to those pranks which endanger the student and others and seriously disrupt academics and the university property. Those are considered hazing and are against state law," said Chirico.

According to Chirico, pranks can cause real harm to students and property. Some examples of possible problems are allergic reactions caused by duct tape

attached to skin, eggs destroying car paint and the personal threat posed to students who are left tied up outside at night.

"Last year [the city police] were ready to draw their weapons and release a dog to apprehend someone whom they thought was perpetrating a kidnapping when someone intervened at the last moment indicating that it was a prank," said Chirico. "Eventually, though, someone will be seriously injured as a result."

Wagar feels that the responsibility of pranks needs to be put back on the pranksters rather than the victims.

"If one is going to pull a prank on someone, that person should bear the responsibility of thinking it through ahead of time, and should keep in mind that some behavior isn't just funny, it might be illegal and/or dangerous, psychologically or physically," said Wagar.

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political figures think will hurt his campaign.

"In my mind," Winslow said, "Bill Bradley has more chance than any Democratic candidate has poses as an 2000 candidate. This is because a party that has chosen to play character in the past several election cycles."

Tolbert still frets a Democrat in office for 2000.

"Ultimately, I don't think Bush can beat Gore. Once Bush is put to the arduous test of a presidential campaign, I think he will lose some of his luster," said Tolbert.

Aside from who is running for the 2000 presidency, people want to know about the issues: Social Security, national defense, economic prosperity and education. These are all things that voters take into consideration. These are the main things that attract voters to certain candidates.

Winslow, Tolbert and Heroman, even though they are from different political parties, all agree that the economy is one of the most important issues in the 2000 election.

"In the United States, we average two recessions every 10 years," Winslow said. "We're

past due." Heroman agreed that the country needs a candidate who can keep the economy going and keep it positive.

Tolbert said interest in the economy is an indication of the public's changing focus toward domestic affairs.

"I think these are times when people are not really interested in foreign policy anymore. A candidate really has to have a strong grasp of domestic issues. People are more interested in the economy, crime and education than what's going on around the world," Tolbert said.

Worried that your MWC education won't get you enough of this?



Investment Club

Interest Meeting

When:

Monday, March 29.

Where:

Monroe 103

Time:

4:00 p.m.

Who:

Anyone interested in joining a club dedicated to furthering their understanding of the world of investing.

Questions:

Call Brent Bensten at 368-1186

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

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5-6pm Free Pizza in the Underground

Thursday

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Friday

7pm Ring Ceremony in Dodd
Juniors MUST be there by 6pm

Saturday

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SPORTS



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Sara Anderson is the second-leading scorer on the team with 14 goals.

Eagles Win First Five Games; Sara Anderson Sets Record

Women's Lacrosse Team Ranked #12 In The Nation

By Jamie Deaton
Bulletin Sports Editor

With the assistance of senior Melissa Ballance and sophomore Bridget Geiman, junior Sara Anderson was able to break a school record. Ballance scored two goals off passes by Anderson, and Geiman scored one as Anderson broke the women's lacrosse record for most career assists with 47 during a 17-6 blowout win over the Lynchburg Hornets last Saturday.

Anderson's 47 career assists breaks the record of Tricia Cassidy, who played at MWC from 1984-86.

"It was really nice," said Anderson. "I was really impressed how the team came together so I could break the record."

The Eagles, currently ranked 12th in the nation, were not aware of the possibility of Anderson breaking the record for most of the game.

"Coach [Dana Hall] called a time out with 35 seconds left in the game and let us know," said Ballance. Twenty-eight seconds later, Ballance scored off of an Anderson pass to give her the record.

"I knew she needed one more [assist]," said Hall, who designed a play that would allow Anderson a chance to set the record.

With the win, the Eagles improved their record to 4-0. Anderson, Ballance, and Geiman led MWC's offensive attack. Anderson also added three goals on the day, while Geiman had four goals. Ballance finished the game with three goals and three assists.

"First and foremost, we want to win every game. Our primary goal is to win the CAC," said Ballance.

The Eagles jumped out to an early lead as they controlled the game offensively. When Lynchburg finally got the ball past midfield, the game was already four and a half minutes old, with the Eagles holding a 2-0 lead.

Lynchburg showed early signs of being able to counter the Eagle attack. About 10 minutes into the game junior Karen Sellers

single-handedly penetrated through the Eagles' defense to tie the game 2-2. While Sellers definitely showed her prowess as an offensive player during this sequence, it also showed Lynchburg's offensive limitations.

"They were weaker stick-skilled. The ball movement was mostly to [Sellers], who is an All-American," said Ballance.

The Hornets did not possess a strong passing game. Consequently, Lynchburg's

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Diana May/Bullet

Junior Diane Grimm gains control of the ball as senior Melissa Ballance provides backup.

Shenandoah Drowned In A Storm Of Eagle Goals

Risto Worthington's Eight Goals Lead Men's Lacrosse Team To Decisive Victory

By Jeff Graham
Bulletin Assistant Sports Editor

Playing on a rain-soaked field with an occasional drizzle, the men's lacrosse team turned a close game into an offensive exhibition when they erupted for a season high in goals with a convincing 21-9 win over Shenandoah University yesterday afternoon.

MWC (3-3) took an early 2-0 lead with goals by sophomore Richard Davis and senior Risto Worthington. After Shenandoah countered with two goals, senior Gerrit Visscher gave the Eagles a 3-2 lead at the buzzer, scoring his third goal of the season to close out the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the teams continued trading goals, leaving the Eagles holding on to a 6-5 lead with 5:05 left in the first half. However, instead of allowing Shenandoah to tie the game, Worthington single-handedly gave MWC a four-goal lead. With less than two minutes to go in the half, Worthington scored three goals in a span of 1:07, giving his team a comfortable 9-5 advantage at halftime.

Worthington, who transferred to MWC from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania during his sophomore year, said that his success is a result of hard work.

"When I transferred here, I

didn't start. I think it is just a credit to the program here that if you work hard, good things will happen for you," he said.

Head coach Kurt Glaeser was thoroughly impressed with his star attacker's performance.

"It couldn't happen to someone who deserves it more. He is deadly on ground balls and in front of the

"Shenandoah is a young team and they were getting tired. They were using five midfielders and we were using nine. We just wore them down."

—Kurt Glaeser, head coach

cage," Glaeser said. Glaeser also believed that Shenandoah ran out of energy near the end of the half.

"Shenandoah is a young team and they were getting tired. They were only using five midfielders and we were using nine. We just wore them down," he said.

The third quarter provided a fitting representation of the fate of both teams. MWC received a spectacular goal by freshman Will Gunther, while Shenandoah suffered a mental collapse by outscoring Shenandoah 7-0



Diana May/Bullet

Freshman Joe Boulier scored the Eagles' 20th goal against Shenandoah.

After receiving a pass from junior Ryan Lynch, Gunther sprinted across the goal crease and beat Neely with a behind the back shot, extending the Eagles' lead to 13-6 with 4:48 to go. Then, following a Shenandoah goal, Neely brought smiles to the faces of Eagles' fans when he put a shot in his own goal after attempting to make a clearing pass.

Despite the big mistake, Shenandoah was able to fight back. Sean Hughes scored a goal with six seconds left in the third quarter, cutting MWC's lead to 14-9. It would be Shenandoah's last goal of the game. MWC crushed any comeback hope by outscoring Shenandoah 7-0

in the fourth quarter.

The Eagles were guided by leading scorers Worthington and junior Matt Rosone. Worthington finished with eight goals, giving him 23 goals in five games this season. Rosone added four goals and two assists.

"After a couple one-goal victories, it was nice to finally win a game convincingly," Worthington said.

Glaeser said that this win, coupled with a comeback victory against Marymount on Saturday, showed his team's gain in confidence.

"I think our confidence builder was our win against Marymount and this game was a carry-over from that victory."

Schedule of Events

Track and Field

Mar. 26-27: Battleground Relays at MWC, 2:30 p.m.

Baseball

Mar. 26: vs. Scranton, 3 p.m.
Mar. 27: at Catholic, 1 p.m.
Mar. 28: vs. Hampden-Sydney, 1 p.m.
Mar. 30: vs. Shenandoah, 3 p.m.
Mar. 31: at St. Mary's, 3 p.m.

Softball

Mar. 27: at College of New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Mar. 28: vs. Emory & Henry, 1 p.m.
Mar. 31: vs. Catholic, 2:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Mar. 27: at Randolph-Macon, 1 p.m.
Mar. 30: at Christopher Newport, 2:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Mar. 26-27: NCAA South Regional Tournament at MWC, 8 a.m.

Men's Lacrosse

Mar. 27: vs. Haverford, 1:30 p.m.
Mar. 31: at Randolph-Macon, 3:30 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse

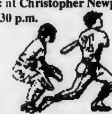
Mar. 25: vs. Catholic, 4 p.m.
Mar. 27: vs. Washington & Lee, 2 p.m.
Mar. 31: at Goucher, 4:30 p.m.

Riding

Mar. 27: at Randolph-Macon, 11:00 a.m.

Rowing

Mar. 28: at Crawford Bay Regatta, TBA.



Softball Searching For Improvement In Spring Season

By Nicole Rauver
Bulletin Staff Writer

This season, the softball team not only has 12 new fresh faces, but they also have new expectations for the season.

"The past is in the past. There was a different team last season with different faces. This season we have a new team," said freshman second baseman Meghan Goetz. "We definitely want to improve upon last year's record."

The team is currently 3-9 overall and has a 1-1 record within the Capital Athletic Conference.

"We are a young team and sometimes maintaining concentration throughout both games is hard. It's definitely something we need to work on," said Goetz.

On Saturday, the women played a double-header against York

College. They beat the Spartans in the first game 10-4, scoring all 10 of their runs in the second inning.

"Scoring that many runs in one inning proved to us we can hit the ball and we can score that many runs," said freshman center fielder Amber Byer.

Unfortunately, MWC was only able to come away with one win during that doubleheader. MWC lost the second game 6-3.

"I think we've been getting really tired after the first game and it's hard for us to keep the stamina throughout the second game," said freshman pitcher Christine Franca.

"Basically we weren't able to get as many hits or runs as we did in the first game," said Byer.

Yesterday, the women played a double-header against an aggressive Virginia Wesleyan team. MWC lost the first game 10-2.

"They were able to score four runs on us because of the rain. We had a hard time playing in the bad weather conditions, and I think the umpires waited too long to call the game," said Byer.

The second game ended in the bottom of the third inning due to darkness. At the time, MWC was

down 6-3, but had players in scoring position.

The women face a tough College of New Jersey team this Saturday in New Jersey.

"We really need this game," explained Byer. "We are due. It's our turn to win."

MWC Softball Batting Leaders

Batting Statistics

Player	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	AVG.
Janet Oldis	34	5	11	4	0	0	7	.324
C. Franca	29	6	9	2	0	0	7	.310
Jennifer Lee	29	4	9	0	1	0	4	.310
Meghan Goetz	26	3	8	1	0	0	0	.308
C. Layman	37	8	11	1	1	0	4	.297
J. Kolakowski	27	6	8	3	0	0	2	.296
Amber Beyer	36	10	9	0	0	0	4	.250
Sarah White	10	0	2	0	0	0	2	.200

MWC Sports Results

Men's Tennis

Mar. 24
Washington & Lee 7 MWC 0

Women's Tennis

Mar. 20
Washington & Lee 6 MWC 3

Baseball

Mar. 20
Sullivan State 2 MWC 1
Sullivan State 6 MWC 4

Mar. 24
MWC 8 Methodist 5

Softball

Mar. 20
MWC 10 York 4
York 6 MWC 3

Mar. 24
Virginia Wesleyan 10 MWC 2

Men's Lacrosse

Mar. 20
MWC 12 Marymount 11

Mar. 24
MWC 21 Shenandoah 9

Women's Lacrosse

Mar. 20
MWC 17 Lynchburg 6

Women's Track & Field

Mar. 20
The MWC men's and women's team both placed first at the Roanoke College Invitational.

Athlete of the Week: Sara Anderson

Women's Lacrosse

Sara Anderson set the school record last Saturday for career assists. Anderson's three assists against Lynchburg gave her 47 for her career, breaking Tricia Cassidy's mark of 46. Cassidy played from 1984-86. Additionally, Anderson scored three goals against Lynchburg. She added two more goals and two more assists on Tuesday in an 18-1 victory over Marymount.

Women's Tennis Starts Crucial Part Of Season

By Geoff White
Bulletin Assistant Sports Editor

After a great start the MWC Women's tennis team (4-3) has slowed down a little going into this weekend's NCAA South Regional Tourney at Mary Washington College.

The team opened the season with four consecutive victories, beating George Mason University, Methodist College, Bucknell University and the

University of Rochester.

Unfortunately, the Eagles have lost their last three matches. The losses were against three solid squads: Emory University, Howard University and Washington & Lee University.

"Even though we have lost three matches in a row, we are still playing really well. We [still] have a great team attitude," said junior Sarah Chase.

This weekend's South Regional Tourney is really a critical point in the Eagles season. If the Eagles are successful this weekend they will probably go to the national tournament.

"We have a real good chance this weekend, things are looking pretty good for our team right now," said Chase.

big reason for their success.

On Tuesday, the Eagles opened Capital Athletic Conference play with a home game against Marymount.

Marymount scored the first goal of the game. Then they were buried in a barrage of Eagle goals. MWC, showing why it is nationally ranked, cruised to a 12-1 lead at halftime.

In the second half the Eagles added six more goals as they won easily 18-1.

"I feel confident with the whole team. We really have a deep bench," said Anderson.

Senior Whitney Ziskel was the leading scorer for the Eagles with four goals. Foy added two goals and five players each had two goals apiece.

MWC outshot Marymount 42-7. "I could have easily been 50-1," said Hall who added that the game provided her a good opportunity to give many of the younger players playing time.

Despite the great start, MWC remains focused on not how they have started the season, but where they want to finish it.

"Rankings don't mean a thing right now," said Hall.

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attackers were consistently forced to try to move the ball downfield by running rather than passing. This strategy worked initially, but the Eagles constantly pressured Lynchburg players. Lynchburg's offensive players barely touched the ball before two or sometimes three Eagle defenders were there to guard them.

Constant pressure not only limited the Hornets' shots, it also limited the quality of their shots. MWC outshot Lynchburg 28-14 for the game.

Once the Hornets evened the score 2-2, the Eagles' offense exploded. Anderson scored two goals in the next minute. Sophomore Jenni Foy, who had scored the first two goals of the game for MWC, added a third to give the Eagles a 5-2 lead.

"We were given a lot of second chances," said Foy.

The offensive onslaught continued as MWC led 9-3 at halftime. The offensive explosion the Eagles enjoyed in the first half was replaced during the first part of the second half by a more calculating attack that proved just as effective.

Balance scored with just over 19 minutes left in the game to give MWC a commanding 11-4 lead. At this point, the Eagles slowed down the pace of the game to protect their seven-goal lead.

The Eagles' offense was equally impressive even when it was not directly attacking the goal. By controlling the tempo of the game the Eagles ate away at the clock, giving the Hornets little hope for a late rally.

No team scored for over 11 minutes during one period of the second half until Balance struck again with exactly eight minutes remaining.

The Eagles' offense picked up pace during the final moments of the game. MWC added four more goals in the final two minutes and 38 seconds of the game. Anderson broke the school record for assists with seven seconds left in the game as Balance closed out the scoring with her third goal of the day.

"This is the fastest team we ever had," said Anderson. She also said that the close-knit atmosphere between team members has been a

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Eric Guyton	39	8	16	4	0	2	12	.410
Jay Montepare	37	11	13	4	0	0	9	.351
A. Vradenburgh	41	9	14	3	0	0	9	.341
Ryan Kaye	15	11	5	1	0	0	4	.333
Nick DiJulio	46	16	15	1	0	0	6	.326
Tad St. Clair	41	8	12	2	1	2	10	.293
Jeff Onze	15	3	4	0	0	0	8	.267
Brian Sabetelli	41	9	10	1	0	1	12	.244
M. McEathern	9	4	2	0	0	0	1	.222
Brad Poole	40	5	8	2	0	1	3	.200
Erik Dorman	17	2	1	1	0	0	3	.059

Pitching Statistics

Player	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Erik Dorman	28.0	19	11	5	15	23	4	1	1.61
Jeff Sheldon	27.0	22	13	6	15	21	2	2	2.00
Mike Parker	14.0	10	8	4	7	9	0	1	2.57
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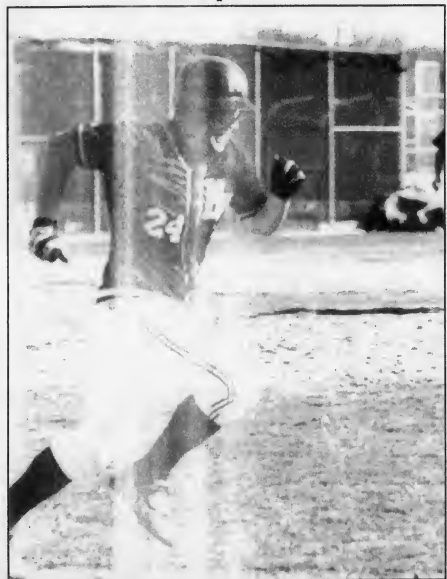


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Black Top Basketball	April 22	April 23

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Junior Brad Poole sprints to first base.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Radiation Leak In Studio 115

By Tammie Willis
Bulletin Staff Writer

After two months of rehearsal, the cast of "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds," which opens Friday night in Studio 115, still does not possess the words to explain what the play is about.

"So much of the script is monologue," said director Claire Covington, a senior. "That leaves it wide open for me to interpret."

Most of the play focuses on the alcoholic mother in a dysfunctional family who tends to exist as a continuum of extremes. When she's angry, she's flying off the handle and throwing things. At the same time, she has a very sensitive side that allows her to comfort her daughters.

"Her whole way of handling things is so bizarre," Covington said. "She's warped but still has the capacity to love. She's so angry at the world that sometimes she forgets about her daughters."

Sophomore Rebecca McHale plays the youngest daughter, Tilly. She explained that as Tilly, she runs an experiment in which she irradiates marigold seeds and studies the effects of the radiation. The play, on the other hand, explores how similar effects relate to the daughters' relationship with their mother.

However, McHale's description is not an all-encompassing description of the play.

There's Ruth, a mentally unstable daughter who spent years in a mental asylum after witnessing an old man in a nursing home die. Ruth brings a different set of issues to the family.

"[Ruth's] slightly epileptic," Covington said.

Sophomore Angela Sweigart, who plays Ruth, explained that Ruth does a lot of yelling, so much so that between the yelling and the seizures of her character, she goes home from rehearsals with a headache.

Still, Covington finds it hard to "get a good grasp of the daughters."

To say that "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds" is a bizarre play is an understatement. To make things even more interesting, Covington has staged the studio so that there will be an audience



Karen Pearlman/Bulletin

Freshman Gianna Farrell and sophomore Rebecca McHale in "The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds" playing this weekend in Studio 115.

on opposite sides of the stage.

"It's a different perspective," Covington said. "It's not something that people coming into the studio have seen."

Covington, who directed "Calm Down Mother" last semester, felt that she needed an extra challenge for "Marigolds," which she is directing as part of her senior theatre project.

"[Covington] likes to take approaches to plays that make her be creative to solve problems," said Gregg Stull, theatre department chair.

While the audience arrangement will make good use of the limited space in Studio 115, it does bring some interesting challenges to the cast of "Marigolds."

Covington first had to figure out how to arrange

the action so the audience wouldn't see the actors' backs. She also had to figure out how to get the actors used to having an audience on both sides.

Covington has placed herself in the role of the audience, sitting on one side of the actors with her assistant director on the other side during rehearsals.

"I'm trying to make something that is aesthetically pleasing, so I have to become the audience," Covington said.

Freshman Gianna Farrell, who plays the mother, explained that there is a scene in which she's telling Ruth a story. During rehearsals, her natural reaction was to face Ruth. But with what is termed a circular

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MWC's Timpane Releases New CD

By Emmett Mann
Bulletin Staff Writer

Junior Justin Timpane released his second homemade CD, "Can You See Yourself?" on March 1 in the MWC bookstore.

Timpane, who writes, produces, and performs his own albums, described his latest CD as a combination of alternative music, power balladry, techno beats and guitar rock.

As opposed to his first CD, which Timpane describes as being focused more on himself, his newer CD concentrates much more on the people surrounding him. He describes the songs as "vignettes of other people," including his wife, family and friends. The album's title song reflects this theme.

Timpane began his musical career at age 2 by learning how to play the guitar. By age 15, he was taking piano lessons and classical voice lessons. Each of these skills is evident on both of his albums.

Timpane produces his albums entirely by himself, by recording each instrument separately and mixing them together on his computer. He also employs his "kick-ass synthesizer" to simulate drumming and bass and all other accoutrements of a complete rock band.

The differences between the two CDs illustrate Timpane's development as a musician and songwriter. His first CD, which was released in July 1998, was a compilation of all the songs he had written in the preceding year and a half. It was recorded on a home studio which Timpane later traded in order to purchase the computer program that he used to record his latest CD.

Using the computer program, Timpane is privy to a variety of musical effects and more advanced mixing techniques, which were lacking on his home studio.

"The computer program just delivers superior sound quality," he said, whereas the old method was "the equivalent of listening to a copy of a cassette tape."

Timpane also mentioned that he feels his skill on the instruments he uses has increased since releasing his first album.

"I just practice more," he said. "I also grew up a little more. I'm coming from a more thoughtful, a little bit older place."

Timpane cited Barenaked Ladies, Aerosmith, Billy Joel and club music as major influences on his new album.

Timpane explained which song is his favorite in terms of not only himself, but of other people as well.

"The song 'The Long Way Home,'" he said. "It's about looking at your childhood, and how it's impossible to go back to it. It's also

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the famous FILM FIEND and Film Femme Comment On The 71st Annual Academy Awards

By James Mirabello and Chandra DasGupta
Bulletin Staff Writers

Whether you were bored to tears or drooling with enthusiasm, whether you were angry or jubilant, it is hard to deny that the 71st Academy Awards were a little different than most years.

Never in recent memory have there been so many surprises. Not for a while has more than one movie dominated the field; this year, "Saving Private Ryan" (5 wins), "Life Is Beautiful" (4 wins) and "Shakespeare in Love" (7 wins) dominated the major awards between them.

Naturally, there are a lot of issues that need to be brought up, whether they draw praise or criticism, and the Film Fiend and Film Femme are here to talk about what went right and what went wrong at the Oscars.

We think everyone can agree that this year's award ceremony just goes to prove the apocalyptic is near. There was a split between director and picture, someone was babbling in Italian, and everyone was crying over a girl in pastel pink. Who knew?

FIEND: Whoopi Goldberg has got to go. Sure, she wasn't responsible for writing the jokes, but still, she doesn't have the style of Billy Crystal. There were too many Clinton jokes, and that thing where she wore costumes from every nominated film was simply ridiculous. Robin Williams was funnier in his two minutes as a presenter than Whoopi was the entire night. That's a hint for next year.

FEMME: Amen. Politics and entertainment really do not belong together in such limelight. Speaking of limelight, I really want to talk about the dresses. I loved the reversal that Helen Hunt pulled off. Last year, she was ethereal and graceful, but this year she played up her image with a sexy yet simple shimmering gown and dark, sultry eye makeup.

Jennifer Lopez was a disappointment because she wasn't wearing a slinky little number, but she did look beautiful all the same. Gwyneth Paltrow looked stunning as always, but I can offer her one piece of advice—even if all of these hoity-toity designers are offering you \$3000 gowns for free, you can get them tailored to fit your bust. And next time, don't slick back the hair so much. So anyway, my best-dressed award goes to Catherine Zeta-Jones ("Mask of Zorro"), who completely stole the show.

FIEND: Oh, baby, yes she did.

FEMME: Shut up, Fiend. Anyway, back to the awards.

FIEND: 'Tis a pity. Well, the major issue this year is that there were so many surprises. The shocks began with the very first award, when the 70-year-old James Coburn won Best Supporting Actor for playing the abusive father in "Affliction." Coburn has been acting since the late '50s, and might have won the award because he has paid his dues.

But maybe not. Word is he was great in "Affliction."

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Return Of Just A Friend Biz Markie Performs At The Underground

By Emmett Mann
Bulletin Staff Writer

In 1989, Biz Markie exploded onto the scene when his most famous single, "Just a Friend," hit the scene.

The song went right to the top of the charts, and kids all over the country stayed up past their bedtimes to hear it on the top-ten radio countdown.

Students got the chance to relive this memory last Saturday, when Biz Markie performed in the Underground, stringing together an infectious set of popular rap tunes that kept the party jumping all night.

"Biz is the man," said freshman Ryan Reeves. "His DJ skills weren't the best, but he sure does know how to get a crowd going. I know I was getting my swerve on."

In a show that was co-sponsored by the Black Student

Association and Giant Productions, Biz Markie is the first rapper to visit MWC since Run-DMC two years ago.

However, it was not until late in the show that Biz did any rapping, and only for two songs. But the crowd was delighted nonetheless, especially when he sang his hit single "Just a Friend."

"[It was] in my tape player for weeks," said freshman Liz Wojcicki, who loved the song as a kid. "It was, like, my favorite song."

Judging from the crowd's ability to sing along with every line of the song, one could surmise that Wojcicki wasn't the only one with Biz's album in the stereo.

The video was as unforgettable as the song; it featured Biz Markie dressed up as George Washington, banging on a piano in a field bellowing the chorus "Oh baby you/ You got what I need/ But you say he's just a friend."



Karen Pearlman/Bulletin

Biz Markie at the Underground last Saturday.

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U.S. TOP TEN FILMS:

Movie	Weekly Gross
1) "Forces of Nature"	\$13.9 million
2) "Analyze This"	\$11.9 million
3) "True Crime"	\$5.3 million
4) "Baby Geniuses"	\$4.5 million
5) "Cruel Intentions"	\$4.2 million
6) "The King and I"	\$4.1 million
7) "The Rage: Carrie 2"	\$3.6 million
8) "The Corrupter"	\$3 million
9) "Shakespeare in Love"	\$2.8 million
10) "Deep End of the Ocean"	\$2.7 million

Coming This Week: "EdTV" starring Matthew McConaughey, Woody Harrelson; and "The Mod Squad" starring Omar Epps and Claire Danes.



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Seniors Cindy Rollo, Karen Pearlman and Amy Ward have their artwork showcased in "Untitled: Senior Studio Art Exhibit." The exhibition is on display in the duPont Gallery until April 2. For more info, call x 2120.

Coming Attractions...

- **Thursday, March 25: Lecture.** "Will We Make Superbabies? The Evidence From Donor Insemination" with Allan Hanson. 7 p.m. Red Room. Free.
- **Friday, March 26: Dance.** "MWC's First Annual '70s Jam" 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Great Hall. \$4 presale/\$5 at door.
- **Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28: Performance.** "Spring Dance Performance" performed by the MWC Performing Arts Club. 8 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. \$2 students/ \$5 non-students.
- **Sunday, March 28: Reading.** Poetry by Assistant Professor of English Claudia Andrews. 7 p.m. Red Room. Free.
- **Tuesday, March 30: Drive-in Movies** "Pretty Woman" and "Usual Suspects" 8 p.m. Ball Circle.

What Is The Ultimate Snack For Studying?

Photos and interviews by Karen Pearlman



"Rice cakes."

—Caroline Jarvis, sophomore



"Girl Scout cookies."

—Jon Bernhardt, sophomore



"Peanut butter by the spoonful."

—Lauren Oviatt, sophomore



"Chips and salsa."

—David Fischer, junior



"Pretzels."

—Michele Thomason, senior

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and a highlight of the awards show was when he yelled, "Stop! I'm not done yet!" at the band that was trying to cut his speech short.

In terms of the other acting awards, they all went to the right people, I suppose. Cate Blanchett ("Elizabeth") and Paltrow ("Shakespeare in Love") both deserved Best Actress, and it's a shame only one could win.

FEMME: Blanchett should have won, but I have to admit that even I cried during Paltrow's speech. I just wish that the Academy had waited until Paltrow had a really mature dramatic work before she won. Well, nothing's perfect—especially Roberto Benigni's English. But his enthusiasm was so awesome that the only comparable moment I can think of is when Cuba Gooding, Jr. won Best Supporting Actor for "Jerry Maguire" in 1996.

FIEND: You have to love Benigni. "Life



Roberto Benigni.

is Beautiful" was a wonderful film and deserved the Oscars it won. And Benigni himself was insane, whether it was his climbing on top of the chairs after his first win or his offering to make love to everyone in the audience after his second. He was just a lovable goof. Did he make an ass of himself? Yes, but he knew it and that's why we love him.

FEMME: I love you, Fiend. But that love is neither here nor there. Judi Dench was cool, Steven Spielberg was cool and Coburn was weird (as always).

A surprise was all of the Elia Kazan protesting. Kazan might have done some not-so-cool stuff but the whole idea is separation of art from the artist. Kazan created some incredible cinematic images (mainly involving Marlon Brando's tense and beautiful face), and he should be awarded for this art that he created. I thought it was unprofessional for Nick Nolte and Ed Harris, among others, not to clap for him.

FIEND: On the other hand, one can understand why so many people were upset. During the height of the McCarthy hearings during the early '50s, Elia Kazan testified and named co-workers as communists. A lot of careers were ruined by these years and much of Hollywood is bitter about those years, hence the anger directed toward Kazan.

I may disagree with the protest, but I can understand certain members of the Academy not clapping when Kazan was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award. What is unacceptable is when comedian Chris Rock went onstage and tried to make an insipid joke with Kazan as a target. No one laughed; even the anti-Kazan crowd seemed disgusted.

FEMME: Let's just change the subject. Can I just say that I cannot believe that Terrance Malick received no love from the Academy? "The Thin Red Line" was beautiful and poetic, but it

was probably released in the wrong year. That truly sucks. I really cannot believe they gave best picture to "Shakespeare in Love," which is a really good movie, but is a glorified romantic comedy. It was very deserving of costume and screenplay awards, but after that, there should have been no parties at that table. I don't want to talk about this any more; it will just anger me.

FIEND: I, for one, don't mind the way Best Picture turned out. "Shakespeare in Love," "Saving Private Ryan" and "Life is Beautiful" are all brilliant movies, and if any of them had won I would have been happy. Even if "Shakespeare" is just a "glorified romantic comedy," that doesn't make it any less of a movie. The category isn't about the most important film, but the best one. And I guess the majority felt "Shakespeare in Love" deserved that. Meanwhile, it is important that Spielberg won Best

Director, even if his movie didn't win. His work far outlasted the other directors, especially in that D-Day sequence. And maybe in the long run, "Saving Private Ryan" should have won Best Picture, too. But this was a hard year full of great movies, and I can't complain.

Of course, the true enemy of the Academy Awards is and always will be the length. It was over four hours long and it began to hurt, especially with some of the silly acts. Cut the terrible dances. Why do we need a dance to express the music of "Saving Private Ryan?"

But keep Jim Carrey, who good-naturedly poked fun at the Academy for not nominating him for "The Truman Show." Please take out the horse and Val Kilmer. That was a nice idea, but turned out horribly. Continue to give lifetime achievements to passionate filmmakers like Norman Jewison (who won the Cecil B. DeMille Award for his productions). But above all else, for heaven's sake, get rid of Whoopi!

For a complete list of winners, check out www.oscar.com



Gwyneth Paltrow.

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the song that's had the most effect on people."

By distributing his album as much as possible, Timpane hopes to secure a record contract sometime in the near future.

"I want to get it heard, to make it available to students," he said. "I want it to be out there."

In order to maximize his CD's distribution, he is selling the disc at the production cost of \$4.50. Timpane presented the CD to Diane Haberman of the MWC bookstore, and after listening to it she decided to sell it.

"[Buy the CD] before he gets famous and the price goes up," Haberman advised.

If Timpane does become famous, then Haberman has made a shrewd business decision, because the CD is being sold under consignment.

If students don't have the \$4.50 to purchase the CD from the bookstore, they should contact Steve Mony, Tray Cromwell, Nick Bogmar or Kelly Timpane, any of whom will sell the album at a discount.

Students can also check out the album before buying it by visiting the website at www.geocities.com/hollywood/studio7438, where audio files can be downloaded.

Timpane also hopes to produce a double-CD anthology sometime in the next year and a half.

He has pondered performing live at the Underground at some point, but it would be difficult



Courtesy of Justin Timpane

Junior Justin Timpane recently released his second CD.

to perform because of all the mixing he has to do to achieve his full sound.

"I've thought about doing some of the slower songs [live]," he said. "Maybe next semester."

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audience, she had to open up more.

"I have to remember where the audience is while telling the story," Farrell said.

Covington hopes that the new setup will bring the audience into the play more.

"[The circular audience] doesn't allow you to forget you're watching a play," Covington said. "You can see other people's reactions as well as your own."

Despite the stresses of the challenges Covington faces with the interpretation and staging of the play, she has somehow managed to retain her sense of professionalism.

"She's a really good director," Farrell said. "She's very easy-going."

"The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man in the Moon Marigolds" can be seen Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Studio 115 in the basement of duPont. Seating is free, but limited. Questions? Call Julie Hodge at x 1984.

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The Biz has worked with numerous artists, including The Beastie Boys, Eric Sernon and the Def Squad, and he even has a few lines at the end of a recent Rolling Stones song.

But what Biz mainly does these days is DJ. He didn't do much scratching or even a single beat juggle, but it was plain to see the man knew what he was doing.

He only rapped two songs and he spoke very little, but when he did, the crowd listened to his magnetic presence. His mixing was simple but well-timed and consisted of hip-hop classics, some Go-Go and even a little Dancetall. The crowd had a great time, and they did it all without alcohol, thanks to the tight security upon entering the Underground.

The bottom line for the evening was simple. If you love dancing, you missed out because of Biz's mixing.

However, since he only sang two songs near the end of the show, those lovers of rap who didn't attend were wise to hold on to their money—though for some, it might have been worth the \$4 just to lay eyes on a dinosaur of rap such as Biz Markie.

Quote of the Week:

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Here's the situation: my ex-boyfriend and I broke up about four months ago, but over spring break he and I spent a lot of time together at home. He told me he wants to get back together with me, but he has a new girlfriend. This new girl is leaving in two months, and I will be back home in about two months. I'm thinking that I might want to get him to break up with the girl and get back together with me. The sex was really good, but I know that we are not meant to be. I mean, he loves *Morrissey*. Is this a good idea or what?

Whipped In Willard

Bullette:

Only do it if you have no emotional attachments with this guy, but I seriously doubt that this is the case. Just the simple fact that you mentioned *Morrissey* means that the same things that annoyed you in the previous relationship will annoy you in the new one. I really doubt that this is about sex; it's about not letting go. If you think you can handle the relationship, then do it, but don't fool yourself into thinking that it is just sex. Just a suggestion.

Dear Bullette:

I have a semi-close acquaintance that has started hanging out with a girl that is bad news. I know (from minor experience) that this girl is a senior at James Monroe High School and is barely 18. She just hangs out in downtown Fredericksburg, and doesn't tell any of the college guys that she's still in high school. I really don't think that I am close enough to this guy to tell him about her youth, but I do want to save him some embarrassment. What should I do?

Lolita On Lafayette

Bullette:

At least she is 18. But seriously, you really

need to tell him the truth about this girl. The only thing that can come from this is embarrassment for him. When and if the fact comes out that you knew the truth all along, you may not even be acquaintances with this guy anymore. Maybe if you told him you could become better friends with this guy. It sounds as though you care what happens to him and I am sure that he will realize this when you tell him that you are just looking out for his best interests. Telling him the truth about this girl is a really good idea.

Dear Bullette:

Two of my housemates are hooking up now, and it has added so much tension within the house. No one knows when to do the dishes. What should I do?

Tension In The Kitchen

Bullette:

I have mentioned this before, but I am a big proponent of the "Wheel of Chores." Put your housemates' names on the wheel, and each week you will have preassigned chores, like doing the dishes.

Dear Bullette:

Two weekends ago I meet this guy that I really wanted to hook up with, and I think he wanted to hook up with me. But we didn't hook up because something stopped me—something was in the back of my mind the entire time. I was wearing the "bad underwear." Do you know what I'm talking about? Am I crazy for letting this keep me from hooking up with this guy?

Paranoid About Panties

Bullette:

I think that's horrible. Guys are oblivious to so many things, why would you think that if you are hooking up for the first time the guy would care. In my experience, by the time a guy gets to that part, he doesn't even care. Maybe later on in the relationship it matters, but to let that completely stop you, is ridiculous. Just turn off the lights, and the anxieties are gone. Simple, huh?

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like to try explain to people exactly why this school has such a floor, since no one seems to know for sure.

First of all, just to clarify, there are no lesbians on the Women with a Voice floor. That's just the fact of the matter.

Second of all, even if we were all lesbians, this wouldn't by any means decrease the importance of what the floor does.

People who live on the floor simply feel that the rights and dignity of women are and should be matters of importance in our culture. The floor exists, as I see it, to promote awareness of issues that affect women in a world that is still mostly patriarchal, and to give women who are interested in such issues the chance to live in a community where women can learn from each other about their own unique female experiences.

What upsets me most about the fact that the floor is not taken seriously by some people is that a lot of those people are women themselves. This sort of stumps me. After all, where would those women, all women, be now if not for the diligence of past activists who cared enough to try to change things?

Most likely, we'd still be coming to this school to take classes in sewing and etiquette. You can forget about mathematics, classics, the sciences and all those "masculine" areas of study. In fact, most likely we wouldn't be at an institution for higher education at all. We wouldn't be voting. And if we weren't married by now, our parents would probably be getting really worried about us.

When people don't take Women with a Voice and other groups supporting women's rights seriously, it is disrespectful to the activists who allowed women to come as far as we have.

The reason why is that the fight is not over yet, by any means. Women are still sexualized and degraded in the mass media. Women are still raped and sexually molested.

Women are still physically abused in their own homes. Women

are still sluts if they do and prudes if they don't. Women are still marginalized in grammar school math classes. Women are still waiting for better childcare options so that they can work to provide for their families. Women are still the butts of unfunny jokes involving fender benders and owning too many shoes. But surely you all know this already. I don't need to go on.

So why degrade Women with a Voice? What have we done that justifies it?

Some of the things we've done this year include co-sponsoring Amy Richards' talk for Women's History Month, participating in Gallery of Voices, participating in the Fredericksburg AIDS Walk in November and, most recently, sponsoring a clothing drive for the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence. The clothing drive runs through March 31; please put any articles of clothing you can, especially women's spring clothing, into the designated boxes in all the dorms.

There's also a community service requirement to live on the floor. Individual floor members have volunteered for FAHASS, the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence, local elementary schools and homeless shelters. We've watched films, led programs on such topics as women's representation in advertising, and made bulletin boards about topics ranging from campus safety to women in crime.

So really we're just like any other club or special interest floor—we pursue our own interests and enjoy the community we have. Personally, I'm thrilled that this school provides such a housing opportunity for young women who have an interest in such matters.

If you don't want to live here, that's fine. But you might stop to think how different life would be if, throughout history, there hadn't been people aware of gender biases and willing to do something to change them. Especially if you're female.

And please donate clothing to the drive if you can.

*Meg Weirter
Sophomore*

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Plus/Minus To Start In Fall 2000

By Shawna Shepherd
Bulletin Asst. News Editor

Beginning in the fall of 2000, a student receiving an 80 percent in a class will no longer receive the same credit as someone with an 89 percent, due to the implementation of a plus/minus grading system.

Though the student response is divided, most professors are in favor of the upcoming change.

Raymond Scott, associate professor of chemistry, said that plus/minus grading will offer professors a chance to distinguish a student with a higher grade from a student with lower grade.

"It is a fairer system. I don't see it as a grade inflation or grade deflation issue. I see it as a more accurate measure," he said.

But senior Kelly Cwiak said that she was drawn to this college because it did not have a plus/minus grading system.

"It is too much like high school. I worked hard in high school to get the plus in everything. I was

looking forward to coming to college to get a straight letter grade," Cwiak said.

The faculty passed a motion to implement plus/minus grading in the fall of 1996, but it will not begin until the fall of 2000 because the current computer system needs a new program in order to be compatible for plus/minus grading.

According to Constance Diamant, registrar and director of summer sessions, the new computer system, Registrar's Information Module (RIM), is targeted to be installed July 6, 1999.

Under the new system, plus/minus grading can be easily programmed and is much more flexible than the current system, Diamant said.

Currently enrolled freshmen and sophomores will be affected by plus/minus grading in 2000, along with the incoming classes.

Diamant said that plus/minus grading should not affect student's current grade point average, based on looking into the issue at other schools.

After the motion was passed,

Diamant said she looked into studies made by other registrars at schools who changed to plus/minus grading. She found that most studies concluded that students were not harmed or affected drastically by the change.

In an original proposal of plus/minus grading made by the Academic Affairs Committee to the faculty in April 1996, the committee argued that the college is one of few colleges and universities in Virginia that does not use plus/minus grading.

"More strikingly, we are one of two schools on the SCHEV list of benchmark institutions that does not exercise the plus/minus option (the other school that does not have a numerical system contains more grade possibilities than we have)," the proposal read.

Suzanne Sumner, assistant professor of mathematics, said she has used plus/minus grading at other institutions and found it has positive and negative aspects.

"In some respects it makes grading easier and in some ways it makes

grading more difficult," she said.

Sumner likes the idea of being able to differentiate between a high and low letter grade, but she said it is much more difficult in cases in which a student is on the borderline.

Stephen Fuller, professor of biology, said plus/minus grading hurts students. In the case of the sciences, the grade point average of the few students who receive As will go down, in Fuller's opinion.

"I think it is getting awfully picky. It presumes a lot more accuracy of grading that is subjective," he said.

The Academic Affairs Committee chair in 1996, David Wrubel, argued for the implementation of plus/minus grading so that a student's grade point average would be comparable to other colleges and more competitive for graduate schools.

"The issue is very important to students because a few tenths of a point can make or break their prospects for graduate and professional school or employment," he said in a September 1996 Academic



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Susan Colbow, Mary Kemp and Edith Jett will be able to program plus/minus grading with a new system soon.

Affairs Committee meeting.

Implementing plus/minus grading will make the grades more reflective of what the students are doing, according to Rita D'Arcangelis, associate professor of computer science.

Barbara Palmer, professor of English, said the new system is to the advantage of the students.

"I think it is to the students' advantage; there is more incentive," she said. "It is a sound pedagogical tool."

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college has 3,806 students, including 36 graduate students.

Of this group, 1,976 students live in residence halls while 1,830 live off campus. Wilder said that there are approximately 2,040 total on-campus spots for a given year.

Wilder said that MWC does not guarantee housing for students, but he does not foresee a time in the future where the college will be unable to provide a residence hall space to any student who wants one.

"There's no official guarantee of housing," he said.

"But to date we haven't had to turn anybody away." Students who have been searching for off-campus housing without assistance from the school have had a difficult time finding a place to live and would like some help.

"Any kind of help would be great," said sophomore Jean Turner. "I personally don't want to live on campus all four years. I think the college should help us [move off]."

Sophomore Angie Hepler is worried that she will not find a place to live off campus for next year because she is having difficulty finding information about vacancies.

She is afraid she will have to be in a residence hall again, which she considers to be an undesirable fate.

"I never want to live in a dorm again," she said. "I hate it."

Hepler said that she would like to see help from the college, such as an office of off-campus housing, a website and a publication listing available apartments.

Sophomore Kelly Turcic, who will be the Commuting Student Association president next year, said that her main goal next year will be to make it easier for students to move off-campus.

One of her projects to help students includes an "off-campus living fair," to which realtors would come to meet with students.

"This way students who are having problems finding a place can come there instead of having to drive all around," Turcic said.

Turcic said that she has not submitted her budget for projects like the off-campus fair yet, so she is not sure how much support she will receive from the school.

Turcic said that although she will be taking up this issue next year, the college administration also needs to get involved.

"I really think they should be giving students more assistance," she said. "Because they can't guarantee housing, I think it should be one of their responsibilities to help students who want to move."

RACE page 1

Washington College, according to the study, only 21 percent of white students believe there is racism here.

The study also revealed that 21 percent of African Americans are happy at Mary Washington. Among other minorities, 50 percent said they were happy.

The 1997-98 research was prompted by a similar study performed in 1988. The new study was meant to update to the first.

The results of both studies were similar; both showed a disparity between African-American and white students in happiness and satisfaction with the college.

The 1988 research showed that white students often denied the presence of racism.

Some of the panelists chose to speak out against these attitudes of the white majority on campus.

"If all the minorities left campus, they [whites] wouldn't even notice. People came here because it is a predominantly white school. They like it like that; they're happy," said Ferez.

Other speakers also believe that whites on campus don't understand the problem.

"[White] people say that there is no racism, and I say 'how would you know?' Just because it doesn't have the n-word doesn't mean it's not racist," said sophomore Kaleta Williams.

Other audience members, such as junior Cheryl Elliot, put some of the blame on the administration.

"I think there are administrators who don't care about race relations. They need to get up and complain, too. The attitudes at the top have to change before the student attitudes change."

Andre Clanton, graduate residence director of New and Alvey Halls, described the racial situation at the college.

"If you're black and you hang out with black people, you're too black. If you're white and you hang out with black people, you want to be black," he said.

Audience members discussed the event, some saying it was successful, but lacking in timing and faculty attendance.

"I thought it was something needed, but it came too late. I was disappointed by the faculty attendance; it starts with them. They are the ones providing us with information, so they should be here. Things can't happen unless faculty realizes there is a minority, too," said senior Hermene Matososa.

Ernin said the forum was a success.

"I realized that we needed something like this at Mary Washington a long time ago. I'm glad we got a chance to make it happen. I think it went very well, but we can build off of this," she said.

BREAK-INS page 1

March 24 they came very close to catching two suspects they believe were breaking into cars in the Battleground Athletic Center parking lot.

Officer Jeremy Gilliland said that at around 2:30 a.m. on March 24 he was patrolling the Battleground lot when he observed two white males in their mid-twenties wearing all-dark clothing trying to break into a parked car.

Gilliland said that when he approached the two suspects they ran.

He pursued them on foot to the edge of the woods near the Montfort Academy. Gilliland said that he called in Fredericksburg police and a Stafford County sheriff's officer with a search dog to track the two men, but the suspects escaped and were last seen heading toward Route 1.

Although the men got away, Knick said, one of them lost a black work boot during the chase. Campus police recovered the boot and will send it to a crime lab for analysis whenever a suspect is caught.

Knick also said that police later determined that two cars were broken into at the Battleground that morning and one of them had a car stereo missing.

He said that police recovered screwdrivers and other tools, which they believe were used to break into the cars, at the Battleground lot.

Gilliland said that he did not get a good look at the two suspects, but that he will be able to recognize them if he sees them again.

Knick said that these thieves seem accustomed to going through cars on campus and targeting vehicle with "after market" stereo parts, which do not come with the car but are purchased afterwards.

"They know what's in demand," he said. "It is probably a young group that has found a market for these items."

Several items including VCRs, stereos and laptop computers have been stolen from cars and from residence halls this year, and the campus police have not made an arrest related to any of these thefts.

INTERCHANGE page 1

smoothly despite the decade of construction and to make sure motorists are aware of delays and lane closures each day.

According to Lucy Caldwell, a spokesperson for the Virginia State Police, the state police are opening a new area office soon with 23 troopers dedicated only to patrolling the interchange construction zone and keeping traffic moving.

Titunik said that the department has set up a website

at www.springfieldinterchange.com where citizens can log on and find out where construction will disrupt traffic each day.

The department is also opening a "Springfield Interchange Store" in the Springfield Mall next month. The store will have live television coverage of construction and computers where people can access the website.

He also recommends that students avoid storing valuables in their cars or at least lock them in the trunk, and they should check on their cars every day.

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